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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 to 11 are pending in the application; claims 3-5 have been canceled with the instant amendment; claims 7-11 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kohrs* (US 6,684,834).

Claim 1 has been amended such that the collar is defined as a monolithic part of the camshaft and further, that the rotor is positioned in front of the collar when looking onto a free end of the camshaft as shown in the drawings (e.g., Figs. 1 and 3). The monolithic configuration is also mentioned in paragraph 0022 of the specification.

Kohrs discloses the collar 16 as a part separate from the camshaft 4; the collar 16 is used to transfer the force of the screw 13 onto the driven member (rotor) 10 for securing the driven member (rotor) 10 on the camshaft 4. In contrast to the present invention, the collar 16 is positioned in front of the rotor 10 when looking onto the free end of the camshaft.

Claim 1 is therefore not anticipated by *Kohrs*.

Since the collar 16 is specifically described as an important part of the attachment of the driven member 10 to the camshaft (see col. 7, lines 16-26), it is also not obvious to form the collar 16 as a monolithic part of the camshaft and to arrange the rotor in front of the collar when looking onto the free end of the camshaft.

Claim 1 is therefore also not obvious in view of *Kohrs*.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims 1 and 6 pursuant to 35 USC 102 are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over *Kohrs* (US 6,684,834) and *Watanabe et al.* (US 6,311,656).

Claim 3 to 5 have been canceled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 7-11 are allowed.

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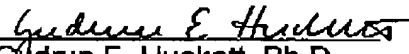
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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